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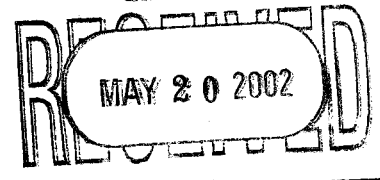
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To the Commissioners:

I am a resident at 35617 N. 136th Street in the newly formed Granite Mountain Telephone Exchange which is being built by Midvale Telephone. I am writing because I believe that extended area service (EAS) should be applied to this area.

First, it is important to realize that our area is one mile wide by 5 miles long and is surrounded on three sides by Qwest service areas. We are across the street from Scottsdale city limits and 20 minutes from downtown Scottsdale. Our children go to school in Scottsdale, our doctors are in Scottsdale, we work, play and conduct business in Scottsdale and the wider Phoenix metropolitan area. It is unreasonable that being so close and so dependent on Scottsdale that we would have to pay long distance charges for these calls. Also, I suffer from a great deal of allergies. Particularly allergies to food and insect bites (venom bites, i.e. bees, wasps, yellow jackets, etc.). The types of reactions I experience require me to carry epi-pens, which contain epinephrine that lasts for approximately 10-15 minutes. My grave concern is being able to dial 911 and currently have no land line to direct the medical team to my home. I also have a three year old son who is very active and I am always on guard with him because if an emergency should arise I would have to drive him to the nearest hospital myself, which is at minimum twenty-five minutes one way. It is critical that we are provided with telephone service and I implore you to help us attain this goal.

Midvale Telephone has expressed a willingness to support extended area service, and so we are asking that the Commission approve that. We also understand that the costs of this service must be absorbed somewhere, and we think it is most appropriate that this be provided through the Arizona Universal Service Fund rather than raising our rates.

Sincerely,

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